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FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6317

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, EAGR, EEC, BE

SUBJECT: NON-FAT DRY MILK MIXING REGULATIONS

REF: STATE 057607

1. DURING MARCH 11 CALL ON BELGIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE LAVENS,

AMBASSADOR WALKER (WHO WAS IN BRUSSELS ON OFFICIAL VISIT)

PROTESTED EC DECISION TO IMPLEMENT NFDI MIXING REGULATION

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AND DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT. WE ALSO GAVE LAVENS A COPY OF

TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE AMBASSADOR HINTON LEFT WITH COMMISSION  
VICE PRESIDENT SIMONET ON MARCH 10.

2. LAVENS SAID EC BUILD UP OF NFDM STOCKS WAS IN PART  
A REACTION TO 1973 U.S. SOYBEAN EMBARGO AND RESULTANT EUROPEAN  
CONCERN FOR PROTEIN SUPPLIES. WALKER REPLIED THAT EC RECEIVED  
ALL OF SOYBEANS AND MEAL CONTRACTED FOR FROM U.S. IN SPITE OF  
SHORT LIVED ACTION U.S. HAD TAKEN. IN ADDITION, WALKER POINTED  
OUT EC WAS PASSING TO U.S. PART OF THE COST OF A PROBLEM CREATED  
BY THE EC ITSELF.

3. LAVENS REPLIED U.S. SHOULD NOT BE TOO UPSET BY EC ACTION  
SINCE ONLY 4 TO 5 PERCENT OF TOTAL U.S. SOYBEAN EXPORTS TO  
EC WERE AFFECTED. WALKER REPLIED EC ACTION WAS IN VIOLATION  
OF SEVERAL GATT ARTICLES AND HAD BEEN ADOPTED IN SPITE OF  
NUMEROUS U.S. REPRESENTATIONS IN CALL EC CAPITALS AND AT COMMISSION  
HEADQUARTERS. WALKER ALSO INDICATED THAT COMBINATION OF DAIRY  
PRICE INCREASES AND LACK OF MEASURES TO CURB MILK PRODUCTION  
COULD CAUSE NFDM STOCK TO CONTINUE TO ACCUMULATE AND THEREFORE  
CREATE ANOTHER NFDM SURPLUS PROBLEM IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. LAVENS REPLIED HE DID NOT THINK EC DAIRY PRICE INCREASES  
WOULD STIMULATE MILK PRODUCTION BECAUSE THEY WERE LESS THAN THE  
INCREASES IN PRODUCTION COSTS. LAVENS ALSO SAID HE BELIEVED  
EC ACTION WAS TEMPORARY AND WOULD NOT BE EXTENDED  
BEYOND SEVEN MONTH PERIOD. FIRESTONE

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